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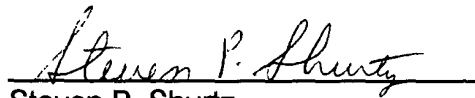
Remarks

The amendment does not involve new matter. Several applications that were previously listed in this section have been removed because they are not relevant for purposes of 35 U.S.C. §120. Also, the fact that the previously listed PCT applications have been published in English has been indicated as required by 37 C.R.F. § 1.78 (a)(2). The changes to the paragraph from the previous version to the rewritten version are shown in Appendix A, with brackets for deleted matter and underlines for added matter.

Even though this amendment is being submitted more than four months after the filing date of the present application, it is submitted that 37 C.R.F. § 1.78 (a) is being fully complied with because the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §120 was in the original application. The requirement that referenced PCT applications be noted as

having been published in English specified by 37 C.R.F. § 1.78 (a)(2) appears from the rule to be an item that can be submitted by amendment without triggering the need for a petition under 37 C.R.F. § 1.78 (a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Page 1, lines 4-26 are amended as follows:

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